

Today's Gospel raises the question of sin between brothers and sisters, that is, fellow-Christians. The psalm talks about the greatness of God's forgiveness, (which contrasts with our miserly forgiveness). Anyone who is forgiven has an obligation to forgive. If we cannot bring ourselves to do this, it is an indication that we really haven't experienced God's forgiveness. The position of the servant in Jesus' story was absolutely hopeless. He owed the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. This is our situation before God. We can't win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for his mercy.

--New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, by Flor McCarthy, SDB



Are you Searching for a Relationship with God? Do you just simply want to know more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a

Catholic Christian? Were you baptized Catholic but are not in full communion with the Church through First Eucharist and Confirmation? Do you want to convert to Catholicism from another church? If you answered YES to any of these questions, then St. Alphonsus Catholic Church invites you to join our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program. Classes meet in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room on Thursday's from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact Deacon Jim Gunkel at 228-218-2160.



The Lord Is My Help needs volunteers to pack take-out lunches from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and/or to serve lunch from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (no cooking involved) the week of September 18th – 22nd.

If you are able to volunteer your time on any of these days at either/both of the times, please call Jamie Lloyd at 713-818-6071. Any help would be greatly appreciated.



An Altar Society Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room.



Evening of Intercessory prayer - We are all called to pray and intercede for each other. Mary, Mother to all people, wants to pour out the Flame of Love, which is Jesus Himself, into every heart. As a good mother would, Mary suffers until she can find souls who want to receive this Flame. This is a powerful force of grace, the Father's gift to all of humanity. The effects of the Flame of Love graces is to blind Satan, causing him to lose his power over persons and situations, to sanctify and save souls (especially family members), to save the Family, to release souls from purgatory, to convert the world and to usher in the final Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. True spirituality is not just you trying to do God's will, but you allowing Jesus, living in you by grace, to do God's will. Please come and join us in prayer this special Flame of Love rosary on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Please bring your rosary. "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God." (Philippians 4:6)



St. Alphonsus is hosting an XLT night (extreme adoration with music) on Thursday, September 21st from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Church. This is an evening for all to come and worship the Lord in the presence of His Eucharistic body. There will be music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. We hope to see all of our parishioners at XLT and encourage all families to come. This is a great time to lay the burdens of everyday life at the feet of God and be filled with His peace.



The Flowers on the Altar are in Memory of June & Turner Straight

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Int. Ms. Maria Padula
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Louis Janus
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Charles Wnukowski
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Dan Dietrick, Sr.
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Camille B. Durkin
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Earl Keys
8:15 a.m.	Int. Mr. Roland Figueroa
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Mark Hare
8:15 a.m.	Mr. Bryan Moe
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15	
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Maralou Guice Richards
4:00 p.m.	Ms. Alice Hire
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a	
7:30 a.m.	Mr. Shaun Blake
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Roger Parker
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Leonard Tarrant
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Beckett Bassenger, Christopher Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Betty Bodin, Bob Boney, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Bryleigh Brochard, Kay Brochard, Jeff Brochard, Roland and Margaret

Broussard, Roxie Buckles, Sybil Burchinal, Arlene Burns, Benny and Carol Lee Cantin, Marshall Car, Carolyn Castleman, Jennifer Catchot, Christine Chandler, Clifford Claverie, Scott Claverie, Pat Cronin, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Jeannine Dionne, Marjorie DuBois, Rose Mary Eagan, Ida Jean Ellis, Nija Fountain, Ray Frazier, Gordon Gaethe, Ansley Gilich, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Josh Hamilton, Trent Hartzog, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Ashley Jensen, Lora Jordan, Otis Kaufman, Jack Kelly, Bill Kortman, Mary Krystosek, Daisie Laborde, Judy and Randy Lesso, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Gordon Mathieu, Mrs. McKinney, Iva Misko, Edward Necaize, Terése Nicovich, Shirley and Travis Norman, Thomas Peresich, The Petitjean Family, Richard Potash, Charles Wesley Ryan, Jr., Margaret Rucinski, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor Jr., Jerry Schneider, Dale Seymour, Bridgett Shepard, Glenn Sigurnjak, Linda Smith, Renee McVeay Spicer, Dianne Tootle, Ted Ursu, Rose M. Vail, Margaret Misko VanLoon, and Ashley Vickers and all our Homebound Parishioners.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Michael Westbrook, brother of Kevin (Gracie) Westbrook and uncle of Kevin (Angela) of this parish, who passed away September 8th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise them a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant him eternal peace.



ADORATION

RCIA and our Youth Ministry is looking for prayer warriors to pray in the chapel during their meetings.

RCIA meets on Thursday evenings and Youth Ministry meets on Sunday evenings. Please consider joining this effort as the RCIA candidates begin their journey learning about our beautiful Catholic faith and as our youth learn more about God's everlasting love and His desire to have a relationship with them.

Adorers needed in the chapel:

Thursdays 6:00-7:30pm (RCIA)

Sundays 6:30-8:00pm (Youth Ministry)

The leaders of these ministries thank you for considering being a part of the prayer team.

If you are signed up on the website for an adoration hour and are not going anymore, please return to adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. He waits for us to keep Him company! If you are absolutely unable to fulfill your commitment, please remove yourself from the schedule.

Whether you are visiting the chapel for 10 minutes or 2 hours, please sign in using the IPAD. Also, be sure to sign out when you leave. This requires a simple tap on your name.

To view the adoration schedule and sign up for an hour you have 3 options:

1. Go to the adoration website at stalphonsus.weadorehim.com
2. Scan the QR code



3. Click on the My Parish app, click the button 'Parish Info' and you will find 'We Adore Him Adoration Sign Up'

If you have questions or difficulty using this website, please all Jenny Gordon at 228-282-0984. She will be happy to help you navigate!



A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend (September 23/24) for the International Seafarers and Truckers.

Envelopes are available at the exits of the Church.



Adult Study is held after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Mount Carmel Meeting Room. Videos are by Fr. Chris Alar, Director of the Association of Marian helpers. For more information, contact Sue Mihal at 601-573-0020 or Anne McClellan at 228-327-4040. All are invited to attend.

September 17: What is WOKE... is it Catholic??? Part II

September 24: The Pride Movement...God's Plan? Part I



A Meeting for Confirmation candidates and parents will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For more information, contact Will Haislmaier at whaislmaier@osstalphonsus.org.



The St. Alphonsus KC Auxiliary will host a Baby Shower for the entire month of October in honor of "Our Blessed Lady's Rosary". All supplies will benefit our diocese's "Walking with Moms in Need." A donation box will be located in the front foyer. "Every Good and Perfect gift comes from above." James 1:17

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday Collection.....\$10,512.01
 Weekly/Monthly Online Collection.....\$ 7,655.00
 Catholic University Collection.....\$ 677.70
 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Dear Friends,
 The very last words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel are a command: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, **I am with you always,** until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19–20). In a sense, education is at the heart of the Gospel. And in a very profound way, the Eucharist is at the heart of education, for Jesus says, "I am with you always." And Jesus remains with us this side of heaven in a most special way, *in the Holy Eucharist.*

Because our bishops—who are "beyond all others the ones primarily responsible for catechesis, the catechists par excellence" (*Catechesi tradendae*, no. 63)—prayed and listened to the Holy Spirit, this Eucharistic Revival is happening. This is no coincidence: the Eucharistic Revival is a fruit of the love and prayer of our shepherds, who deeply long to help us encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and to teach us who he truly is—our Lord and Savior!

In Jesus,
 Sister Alicia Torres, F.E.

"The food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him is both the Flesh and the Blood of that incarnated Jesus." ~St. Justin Martyr



Abortion is the most significant human rights abuse of our time. Will you take a stand?



St. Vincent DePaul Help Thy Neighbor Raffle

The St. Alphonsus St. Vincent DePaul Conference is announcing its first semi-annual raffle!

Win the Grand Prize getaway to Navarre Beach, Florida, where you can stay in 2BR/2BA condo (2nd floor)

overlooking the pool, just steps away from the beach! Schedule your vacation at your convenience!

Other prizes include: 4 all day passes to Paradise Pier at Margaritaville in Biloxi; a basket from Gulf Hills Package; a watercolor artwork by Barbara Hosey; a \$30 gift card for Woody's Restaurant in Biloxi; and one family can win the writing of 2 simple wills by Zuber Law Firm!

Tickets are available after mass next weekend (September 23/24), in the Parish Office (available during regular working hours), the Parish Bookstore or from any St. Vincent DePaul Conference member.

Winners will be drawn on the evening of Monday, November 6th. You need not be present to win. Once a winning ticket is drawn, it will be held out of additional prize drawings – so buy several tickets to increase your chances of winning!!

The conference mission is to serve the very poor and those in need in our community. It operates completely off donations. Our St. Vincent DePaul conference is running low on funds because of the enormous need we are facing to assist the poor. We hope you can help us continue our mission!



Men, could God be calling you to the diaconate? If so, the Biloxi Diocese plans to begin a new Formation Class for the diaconate in the Fall of 2024.

Pre-selection information sessions will be conducted from 8:30 – 12 Noon on the following days: September 23rd at

St. Thomas Parish, Long Beach; September 30th at St. Thomas Parish, Hattiesburg; and October 14th at St. Mary Parish, Gautier. For interested men who think you may have a calling, attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory with your wife. Please see your pastor, or call Deacon Calvin Authement (601) 520-0906 or Deacon Mike Harris (228)-342-1536.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS